Sexual Harassment of Women in Police Custody

†3455. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been increase in number of cases of sexual harassments of women in police custody; and

(b) the names of States and the details of increase in the number of such cases in each State during the last five years and the number of culprits punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) 'Police' being a State subject under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, cases of sexual harassment in police custody are not maintained Centrally. However, as per available information, 6, 6, 4, 4, and 2 cases of custodial rapes were reported in the country in the years, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 respectively. The Statewise details of investigation of such cases are available in the Annexure and details of trial, etc. are available in the Annexure. [See Appendix 198 Annexure No. 11]

Crimes in Delhi

3456. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of robberies and murders took place in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed as a result thereof and the amount of compensations paid to the next of kin of the deceased;

(c) the number of cases solved and arrests made;

(d) whether it is a fact that police do not register smaller cases of theft and stabbing unless the incident is reported in the press; and

(e) the measures proposed to improve the law and order situation in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) The number of cases of murder and robbery

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reported in Delhi, the number of such cases solved and arrests made during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 are as follows :

I. Murder

Year	Number of cases reported	Number of cases solved	Number of persons arrested
2000	597	406	1022
2001	548	363	837
2002	531	360	799

Note : The total number of persons murdered in these cases was 1757. There is no provision to pay any compensation in such cases.

II. Robbery

Year	Number of cases reported	Number of cases solved	Number of persons arrested
2000	760	627	1577
2001	621	488	1220
2002	502	378	953

(d) No, Sir. In fact, the isolated complaints of non-registration of cases by police stations are promptly inquired into and strict departmental action is taken against those found guilty.

(e) The steps taken by Delhi Police to improve law and order situation include *inter-alia*, deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in running buses, market places, business places and other crime-prone areas; intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meeting with officers of neighbouring States; and meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations.